NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM PUTT): (a) to (d) ln pursuance of the later-Governmental agreement dated 24ih November, 1987 between the Governments of India and USSR, the Soviet Organisation Mis. Techmashimport had submitted a revised offer on turn-key basis for Karnal Refinery) which is under Government's consideration.

Crisis l$_n$ Beedi Industry doe to shortage of tendu leaves

♦197. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleas-ed to state:

(a) whether beedi manufacturers are experiencing shortage of tendu leaves as a result of which beedi manufacturing industry is facing a crisis; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to save the beedi industry?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI I. VENGAL RAO); (a) No, Sir, there is no shortage of tendu leaves in the country to meet the requirement of beedi manufacturing industry.

(b) Does not arise.

Shifting of godowns of crud$_e$ oil and petroleum products from congested areas

♦198. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a working group has been set up by his Ministry to go into the ques tion of shifting the godowns of crude oil and petroleum products from the precincts of refineries and from congested areas so as to reduce the fire hazards; and

(b) if so. what are the detailg in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRl BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The Governmtnt hav* recently set up a High Power. ed Committee to review the recent major fire accidents in refineries. The Commit-t$_{3e}$ would *inter alia* review the locations layouts and existing facilities in the refi- • neries and would also make recommenda-I tions regarding shifting of bulk storage of crude oil and petroleum products to safer locations.

Power generation by Neyveli Lignite Cor. poration

*199. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present power generatr ing capacity of the Neyveli Lignite Cor poration;

(b) what are the details of future ex-pansion of plans of the Corporation;

(c) whether any foreign collaboration is being sought for ln this regard; if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) by when all the projects under the Neyveli Lignite Corporation are expected to be completed, project-wise; and

(e) how much fundg are required for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRl VASANT SATHE): (a) The present power generating capacity of Neyveli Lignite Corporation is 1230 MW made up of 600 MW of the first thermal power station and 630 MW of the second thermal power station stage I_

(b) to (e) Project for the expansion of thermal power station II raising its capacity from 630 MW to 1470 MW by addition of 4 units of 210 MW each is under construction. The sanctioned capital cost of the project is Rs. 1016.80 orores. The first unit of this project is expected to be commissioned in November, 1990 and the subsequent units at intervals of nine months thereafter. The for-I eign exchange requirement of tha project